



ZION UNITED
 CHURCH OF CHRIST
 LE SUEUR,
 MINNESOTA

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF
 PENTECOST

June 30, 2024 9:00 a.m.



America is a tune. It must be sung together.

The Rev. Gerald Stanley Lee,
 Congregationalist pastor 1862-1944

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING REFLECTION *Prayer for Free People*

Shift Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 33:12-21

Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD,
 the people whom God has chosen as his heritage.

**A king is not saved by his great army;
 a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.**

The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save.

**Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
 on those who hope in his steadfast love,**

Our souls wait for the LORD; For God is our help and shield.

**Our hearts are glad in the Savior of Nations,
 because we trust in the holy name of God.**

+HYMN

God of the Ages

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+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the nations, our hearts are moved in gratitude and hope by our country's national holiday. Yet you call us to remember that it is You who give true freedom and hope in Your healing and restoring love. The images of oppression, disease, poverty, terrorism pour into our lives and lays claim to our spirits. We feel at times as though we ourselves are again in bondage.

Free us, O Lord. Open our hearts to receive Your healing Word. Enable us to be people who offer compassion in the presence of human need; hope in the presence of desolation; light in the presence of darkness. Walk with us and strengthen us; for the sake of your Son and our Savior. Amen.

+FORGIVENESS

+RESPONSE

**In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me.
As He died to make us holy, let us live to make all free;
Our God is marching on.
Glory, glory hallelujah. Glory, glory hallelujah.
Glory, glory hallelujah.
God's truth is marching on.**

SHARING THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THREE-FOLD AMEN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Zechariah 9:9-12

Reader: Cindy Braun

SECOND LESSON

Galatians 5:1, 13-14

May God add a blessing to the reading and hearing of the word.

Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 11: 25-30

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Giving America Away

Pastor Jan

OFFERING

+OFFERTORY
+DOXOLOGY
+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We thank you, O Lord, for the bounty that is ours and for the freedom we have to worship as we choose. Let these gifts be a sign of our gratitude and faith, and the hope that Your goodness will be known throughout the earth; through Christ, who is the Prince of Peace we pray. Amen.

+HYMN

This Is My Song

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+BENEDICTION

+SENDING FORTH

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

+RESPONSE

May the Lord Be Always With You

+POSTLUDE

